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1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE APRIL 26 MEETING OF EC-9
POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN COPENHAGEN, EMBASSY SHOULD
PRESENT TO THE DANISH PRESIDENCY THE FOLLOWING US COMMENTS
ON CSCE:

A) AS NOTED IN THE ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED TO NATO, THE
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US BELIEVES THAT AT BELGRADE THE WEST WAS SUCCESSFUL
IN ATTAINING ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE -- NOT ONLY TO
CONDUCT A REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION, BUT TO CONDUCT THE
REVIEW IN A FASHION WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CREDIBILITY OF
THE CSCE PROCESS AS A FORUM FOR FRANK DISCUSSION OF
IMPORTANT ISSUES. BELGRADE DEMONSTRATED THAT DISAGREE-
MENTS COULD BE AIRED SUCCESSFULLY WITHIN THE CSCE FRAME-

WORK. THE ROLE OF THE FINAL ACT AS A BASIS FOR PURSUING SOLUTIONS TO THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH SEPARATE EAST FROM WEST HAS THUS BEEN AFFIRMED.

B) HOWEVER, AS POINTED OUT IN THE REPORT OF THE NINE, SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR MAJOR OBJECTIVE DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL WESTERN INTERESTS WERE COVERED OR THAT OUR CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IMPROVED. THE BELGRADE MEETING WAS A VALUABLE FIRST EXPERIENCE IN THE CSCE REVIEW PROCESS. MANY IMPORTANT LESSONS HAVE BEEN LEARNED. AS DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY IN THE REPORT OF THE NINE, MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS REMAIN. IT WILL NOW BE IMPORTANT TO EXAMINE FULLY THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN BELGRADE IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE FULLY PREPARED FOR MADRID.

C) DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS, IT WILL ALSO BE IMPORTANT TO GAIN A CLEARER IDEA OF OBJECTIVES OF EASTERN AND NNA STATES FOR THE MADRID MEETING. SUCH AN ANALYSIS WILL NOT ONLY ENABLE US TO PREPARE MORE SUCCESSFULLY FOR MADRID, BUT WILL ALSO HELP FOCUS ONGOING WESTERN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE IMPROVED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT.

D) THE UNITED STATES IS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE CONCLUSION REACHED IN THE REPORT OF THE NINE THAT CONSULTATION AMONG WESTERN COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE
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TO BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF WESTERN GOALS IN CSCE. THE PAPER PREPARED BY THE NINE SETS FORTH SEVERAL IMPORTANT TASKS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE US LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING THROUGH THE ALLIANCE WITH MEMBERS OF THE NINE AND OTHER NATO STATES TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSE COOPERATION WHICH HAVE BEEN SO IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS SO FAR.

E) THE APRIL 27 NAC CONSULTATION PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE HIGH LEVEL IMPETUS TO WORK ON CSCE DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE UNITED STATES IS GRATEFUL FOR THE EXCELLENT PAPER PREPARED BY THE NINE WHICH WILL ASSIST CONSIDERABLY IN ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK.

2. FOR OTTAWA: YOU SHOULD PASS ABOVE POINTS TO CANADIANS, NOTING THAT WE WISH TO KEEP THEM INFORMED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH EC-9 CONCERNING NATO CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE. YOU SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR EXCELLENT PAPER SUBMITTED BY CANADIAN DELEGATION (USNATO 4024) AND FOR SUPPORT CANADIANS HAVE PROVIDED

IN BRUSSELS TO EFFORTS TO GAIN AGREEMENT FOR REPORT TO
MINISTERS ON CSCE.

3. FOR OSLO, REYKAVIK, LISBON, ATHENS, ANKARA: YOU
SHOULD PASS ABOVE POINTS TO HOST GOVERNMENT, NOTING
THE IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO CONTINUED CLOSE
NATO CONSULTATION ON CSCE.

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